

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 4, lines 15-20 as follows:

The present invention therefore relates to a process for removing undesirable odors from a mixture of guanine and ~~hyperxanthine~~ hypoxanthine crystals obtained from fish by treating the mixture with a complex hydride. The process is particularly important for removing undesirable odors from natural pearlescent pigments obtained from fish for use in cosmetic or other applications that benefit from the color effect derived from such pigments.